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The above amendment is presented to eliminate multiple dependent claims, thereby reducing PTO filing fees.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is entitled "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made**".

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 5-7 have been amended as follows:

5. **(Amended)** The polymer-supported Lewis acid catalyst according to [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 4], wherein the polymeric chain comprises a polymer obtained by the addition polymerization of aromatic monomers.

6. **(Amended)** The polymer-supported Lewis acid catalyst according to [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 5], wherein the polyvalent element (M) is a lanthanoid element.

7. **(Amended)** A method of organic synthesis using the polymer-supported Lewis acid catalyst according to [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 6], wherein the reaction is performed in water or an aqueous medium.